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SUBJECT: GOA APPEAL FOR RELOCATION OF REFUGEES

1. ARGENTINE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY VICTOR BEAUGE CALLED
AT THE DEPT. JULY 13 TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE:

BEGIN TEXT.

-----A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF CHILEAN NATIONALS ARE PRESENT-
LY ON A HUNGER STRIKE IN THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES, PRE-
SUMABLY WITH THE PURPOSE OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION TO THEIR
SITUATION AFTER HAVING REQUESTED THAT U.N.H.C.R. PROCURE
THEIR RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA OR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

-----THIS SITUATION IS THE CAUSE OF DEEP CONCERN ON THE
PART OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAS, SINCE 1973, HAD
TO RECEIVE AND LOCATE IN ITS TERRITORY MORE THAN 500,000

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CITIZENS FROM BORDERING NATIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING, AND IN

SPITE OF THE EFFORTS CARRIED OUT TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, WHICH WOULD ALLOW A NORMAL SOCIAL LIFE FOR ALL SECTORS OF THE POPULATION, THEY ARE PRESENTLY FACED WITH INCREASING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF TERRORIST GROUPS.

-----THAT CIRCUMSTANCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO AGGRAVATE THE PROBLEMS OF MANY FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN OUR LAND, WHOM IN ADDITION TO THE ONES DERIVED FROM THEIR MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT AND FROM THE DIFFICULTY OF ADAPTING TO THE NORMAL TREND OF LIFE OF THE COUNTRY, ARE AT PRESENT EXPERIENCING FEAR FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THEM.

-----THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE APPEALS TO ALL NATIONS WHO SHARE ITS DEEP CONCERN FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR GREATEST EFFORT TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THESE PEOPLE IN THEIR TERRITORIES AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE IN A SOLIDARY AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION TO THE GRAVE PROBLEM THAT AFFLICTS THEM. END TEXT.

2. BEAUGE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOA'S APPEAL FOR RELOCATION DID NOT RELATE TO ALL THE 500,000 FOREIGNERS WHO HAD ENTERED ARGENTINA SINCE 1973, BUT ONLY TO REFUGEES UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE UNHCR. HE SAID THAT A SIMILAR APPEAL WAS BEING DELIVERED TO A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. KISSINGER

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